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#### **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 16, 2001, the period for response extending until November 16, 2001, reconsideration of this action and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested and are now believed appropriate in view of the following remarks.

### **REMARKS**

# Summary of the Amendment

Upon consideration of the instant response, claims 43 - 97 currently remain pending.

# Summary of the Official Action

In the instant Office Action, the Examiner has rejected claims 43 - 97 over the art of record. By the present remarks, Applicants submit that the objections and rejections have